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THE MINT DIRECTOR'S PRONOUNCEMENTS: President's Message

Dear Fellow Members:

Hello! First, I want to start-off with my thanking everyone who voted in the last NCNA Election. The Officers that you have elected are experienced numismatists with a combined century-plus of involvement in our hobby.

Entering the New Century is not only exciting in itself, but with all the new changes taking place in the United States *and* the whole World make for wonderful times, ahead, for our hobby. To this end, I enjoy getting around to different local coin club meetings and visiting fellow hobbyists that I may not have seen in a long time. *I hope to make a visit to every local coin club in the northern California area once a year, or more!* That Is My Goal!

If your local coin club is looking for a guest speaker, *PLEASE* do telephone me at '925-825-0649'. If not at home, leave a message, and your call will be returned. The talent in our NCNA is overwhelming, and I *can* locate you a guest speaker or a program to excite your club's interest in our hobby.

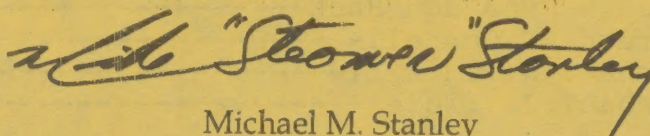
The *entire* Board of Directors of NCNA was directly, or indirectly, committed and involved with the recent 1999 American Numismatic Association (ANA) National Money Show, in Sacramento, California. Great Job!

I am pleased to announce that the ANA National Headquarters was flabbergasted at the outpouring of workers and boosters from throughout northern California and specifically, the host coin club, the Sacramento Valley Coin Club. Great Job!

The future of our Northern California Numismatic Association is quite sound. Having had a very successful 'Nor-Cal Show' in 1998, after a seven year layoff, the Board of Directors has acted to return to the fine Sheraton Concord Hotel for this year's 'Nor-Cal Show'. This three-day multi-event Show promises to *'outdo'* last year's in bourse, educational events, and youth activities. Records state last year that the Nor-Cal Show was visited by hobbyists from *ninety-three* different California cities and towns, *four* different States, and even *two* foreign countries!

Goodbye For Now! I am looking forward to visiting your local coin club sometime this 1999 and wish all of you continued success in our hobby.

Numismatically Yours,



Michael M. Stanley
President

THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

At the Fairfield Coin Club meeting in March 1999, Your Editor presented a short program with the singular objective of promoting multiple local coin club memberships and participation, advocating that if one *really* wants to enhance, to enjoy, and to emphasize his or her hobby, and collecting, he or she must *expand* from just one, and only one, local coin club.

My program involved a question-and-answer exchange to which Britta Ehlers, visiting from Fremont, California--*note the distance in time and travel she, and her husband Don, came to be at another local coin club meeting--* retorted that "one starts with one coin club". "Starts with one coin club". Her argument is valid. Yet, note the verb she spoke: 'starts'. She did not say 'stops'.

That is the dilemma and hindrance with so many coin hobbyists: they practice the verb 'stop' rather than, to quote Mrs. Ehlers, 'start'.

There is a whole world of that--to use another positive verb--'opens' when one *expands* from just one local coin club. It becomes a classic multiplier: simple arithmetic that two is more than one, three is twice more than one, and so on.

Joining and attending more than just one local coin club, at first or on the surface, may seem a burden and unnecessary expense, in costs and time; however, that is only when it is observed first and on the surface. One needs to go beyond the beginning and really involve him or herself. The Rewards Are There. Just Read On.

OPPORTUNITY. If you belong to and attend only one local coin club that is all that you are going to get. That Is It. Do you want your coin hobby enjoyment to be restricted with 'that is you are going to get'? Is that all this coin hobby means to you?

I do belong to the Delta Coin Club, of Stockton, California, and because I do drive over Highway 12 periodically and attend, Your Editor had an opportunity to purchase, at a most good price, a Lincoln Cent error display and set, all ready and mounted. Staying in Vallejo would not have had that fine opportunity.

FELLOWSHIP. Our coin hobby is not just its little round metallic disks and holes on album pages to fill; rather, it is people. People Collect Coins. Coins Do Not Collect People. Do you not want to meet others and share your hobby? Tired of the same old faces or auction lots? Does not this coin hobby mean something to you?

I do belong to the Redwood Empire Coin Club, of Santa Rosa, California, and because I do drive Highway 101 periodically and attend, Your Editor had met and become very close friends with Lee H. Gong, who has repeatedly reciprocated his fellowship and fraternity. He remains among my cherished acquaintances, a *true friend*. Staying in Vallejo would not have enlightened such a devoted and kind friendship.

RELAXATION. Few of us can deny the real enjoyment of our local coin clubs is old-fashion 'rest and relaxation'--R&R--these provide. The meetings, the socials, and the interchange with fellow coin hobbyists are, many times, escape and entertainment. So, why not double, or triple, or more, your 'R&R' each month?

I do belong to the Peninsula Coin Club, of Palo Alto, California, and because I do drive Interstate 880 periodically and attend, Your Editor rests and relaxes, even with the long drive, for it is a chance to have a mini-trip: stop to eat, drive down tree-lined University Avenue, passing 'The Farm', Stanford University, and watch the setting Sun into the hills behind 'The Farm'. Of course, visiting Fred G. van den Haak, Rich Douglas, Xan Chamberlain, et al--*all great acquaintances and fellow coin hobbyists--*adds. Staying only in Vallejo would not change the same old views.

OPPORTUNITY. FELLOWSHIP. RELAXATION. These are only three arguments to enlarge your membership and involvement in local coin clubs. There Are Others.

Mrs. Ehlers Was Right. You 'start' with one; but, as Your Editor learned decades ago and benefits from, you do not 'stop' with one. There is so much more, so much more, to enthrall, to elevate, and to *excite* your coin hobby enjoyment. Now, Use the enclosed 'Coin Club List' and hit that Interstate pavement!

Nonchalantly Yours

Michael S. Turini
Editor

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GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

1999 NOR-CAL SHOW

Plans and preparations are progressing for the 'Second Annual Nor-Cal Invitational Coin Show'. As this Issue of NCNA HEADS AND TAILS is prepared and printed, what is confirmed has been reported here; however, additional activities, as other collector gatherings, are anticipated. *Please Read On For Specifics:*

Just The Facts:

Second Annual Nor-Cal Invitation Coin Show

Dates: *Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 30, July 31, and August 1, 1999*

Hours: *Friday--12:00 PM (Noon) to 7:00 PM*

Saturday--10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and

Sunday--10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Admission: *FREE*

Parking: *Ample FREE Parking*

Site: *Sheraton Concord Hotel*

45 John Glenn Drive, off Concord Avenue

(adjacent to Concord Airport)

Concord, California

Bourse Coordinator: *Vince Lacariere*

Fremont Coin Gallery

3769 Peralta Blvd. Suite #L

Fremont, California 94536-3758

510-792-1511

Exhibit Coordinator: *Stan Turrini*

PO Box 4104

Vallejo, California 94590-0410

707-453-6277 Work

Saturday Banquet: *Mike Stanley @ 925-825-0649*

Information/Updates: *Mike Stanley @ 925-825-0649 or Gordon Donnell @ 510-526-0538*

Collector Meetings:

Saturday, July 30, 1999, 10:00 AM ----**American Numismatic Association (ANA) District Delegate and Club Representative Meeting/Brunch**, with ANA National Coordinator Dr. Walter A. Ostromecki, Jr. *Open To ANA District Delegates and Club Representatives.*

Saturday, July 30, 1999, 12:00 PM (Noon)----**Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC) Special Meeting.** *Open To All Show Attendees and Any Silver Enthusiasts*

Saturday, July 30, 1999, 1:30 PM----**American Society of Check Collectors (ASCC) Regional Roundtable.** *Open To All Show Attendees and Any Fiscal Paper Collectors.*

Saturday, July 30, 1999, 3:00 PM----**Franklin Collectors Club Regional Meeting.** *Open To All Show Attendees and Half Dollar Collectors*

Saturday Evening (July 30th) Show Dinner:

This year's Nor-Cal Show will have a *informal Show Dinner on Saturday, July 30, 1999, with 6:30 PM No-Host and 7:00 PM Dinner*, at Marie Calendar's, only a few walking blocks from the Sheraton Concord. The dinner charge is \$17.00, which includes gratuity. This dinner will have award presentations, and the Master of Ceremonies will be Dr. Walter A. Ostromecki, Jr. Although this dinner is open to anyone, the seating is limited to *first fifty (50) maximum.* *Please Refer To Enclosed Dinner Reservation Form.*

Exhibits:

Both competitive and non-competitive are welcomed and wanted! Great Trophies To Be Awarded. *Contact Stan Turrini or Gordon Donnell To Reserve Space.* 'All-State' Cases Available For Loan.

Youth Activities:

On both Saturday and Sunday, July 31st and August 1st, there will be a *Youth Table*, coordinated by Dr. Walter A. Ostromecki, Jr. with free coin hobby information and free coin gifts for youngsters. This Youth Table will be staffed all hours on Saturday and Sunday.

Other:

There will be Drawing (raffle), with tickets available at the Nor-Cal Show's Registration Desk, free wooden nickels, free door prize drawings, lots of free hobby literature, and possibly other collector groups meeting later on Saturday or on Sunday. For updates, telephone either Mike Stanley at '925-825-0649' or Gordon Donnell at '510-526-0538'.

Next Board of Directors Meeting

Will be on "Sunday, May 16, 1999, at 4:00pm at *Banchero's Italian Dinners*, 20102 Mission Blvd., in Hayward, California". *Banchero's*--a well-known and popular Italian restaurant for decades--is easy to reach via I-880 or I-580 to Highway 238 then to East 14th Street or Mission Blvd. (East 14th Street merges into Mission Blvd. at Highway 238.) *Banchero's* is located just south of Highway 238, on the left side, driving south. Its menu is full-dinner style meals, well-worth the trip and time! Dinner costs are shared between the Association and each attendee, if an Officer or bonafide NCNA Club Delegate. Both Individual and Club Members, the latter via its NCNA Club Delegate, are urged to attend. The dinner will be at 4:00pm, with the meeting thereafter. If you would like to attend, please telephone Second Vice-President Gordon Donnell at '510-526-0538'. The courtesy of advanced reservation would be appreciated.

Open Meeting For Our Association

Will be 'Sunday, June 27, 1999, at 2:30pm, during the *Twenty-Seventh (27th) Annual Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show*', at Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park Tuolumne Street and End North Camino Alto, in Vallejo, California. The meeting will be on the Stage of the main Center's Lake Room. As an enticement to attend this Open Meeting, any Individual Member, or Club Member represented by a Club Delegate, shall receive two (2) free bronze NCNA medals. This Open Meeting welcomes all NCNAers.

Other northern California local coin club shows are invited to host an Open Meeting for our Association. NCNA strives to hold two, or so, each calendar year, and the only stipulation is that a distinct room or area must be provided, free of charge. Coin Clubs interested in welcoming NCNA, *as an Open Meeting or even as a site for its Board of Directors Meetings*, may contact the Association via 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410' or telephone President Mike Stanley at '925-825-0649'.

1999 Miller Medal

President Mike Stanley again reminds that written nominations are due by June 30, 1999 or could be delivered at the aforementioned June 27th Vallejo Coin Show Open Meeting. The Miller Medal--*named for the late Ron Miller (1944-1993)*--is our Association's highest and most esteemed award, and a maximum of two Miller Medals may be presented each calendar. This year, the intention is to have any recipients honored at the Nor-Cal Show. The deadline, June 30, 1999, is mandatory, and "the criteria shall be: superior, sustained, and significant support and service to numismatics and its coin hobby and/or devotion and dedication, consistent and meritorious, to numismatic organization", for at least five (5) confirmed previous years. Submit to 'PO Box 4101, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'.

Coin Club List

Enclosed with this NCNA HEADS AND TAILS issue is the resurrected '*Coin Club List*', First Edition, March 1999. This popular NCNA service--initially began and coordinated by former President O.L. Wallis back in the 1980s--was restarted by Treasurer Stan Turrini and is intended to be revised annually, or biannually. Please Review. Any errors report to Treasurer Stan Turrini. Requests for complimentary copies are welcomed, for local coin clubs and coin shows. Write to: 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'.

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club News and Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, and news releases from these following coin clubs. Please send your periodicals and club 'updates' to Your Editor for reporting and inclusion in NCNA HEADS AND TALES. Mail to post office box given on the cover page. Thanks.

RENO COIN CLUB Has mailed two of its monthly THE RENO CARTWHEEL, and our sister coin club in The Silver State anticipated a quite active first six months of 1999: talks on Chinese coins and currency by DAVE SHAPIRO, Nevada silver rounds by RUSTY KING and DAVE ANDREWS, error currency by RICH ATKINSON, Nevada State Museum (the old Carson City Mint) updates by BOB NYLEN, and there was even a Pizza Party planned, and the Club did have its Annual Awards and Presentation Dinner last January 19th at Reno, Nevada's Peppermill Hotel and Casino. This year's marks the Club's Fifteenth (15th) Anniversary, and much of the Club's current success is credited to President RUSTY KING's "leadership through some of the hard times when the Club seemed like it might dwindle away". For information on the Reno Coin Club, write to: "PO Box 5178, Reno, Nevada, 89503-5178".

WESTERN WOODEN MONEY CLUB *NCNA Welcomes The WWMC As Its Newest Club Member, C-60.* The WWMC is known as the fastest-growing wooden money specialty group in the nation! The WWMC will hold its annual Anniversary Meeting on Sunday, June 27, 1999 at the Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show, held at Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne Street at End North Camino Alto, in Vallejo, California. This open meeting will be 11:00am and take-place on the stage of the Center's main Lake Room. Wood hobbyists are warmly welcomed to attend. The current officers for the Western Wooden Money Club are: STAN TURRINI, President, GORDON DONNELL, Vice-President, BILL BARTZ, Treasurer, and JAN HENKE, Secretary and Editor of its quarterly WEST WOOD. Information on this Club may be contacted at "PO Box 3467, Fairfield, California, 94533-0467".

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB President DOUG DANIELS shared this story in the February GOLD STRIKE, the monthly newsletter for the SCCC, and Your Editor decided to 'pass-it-along': "I thought I'd heard it all department. Two different people came up and told me coin stories that I had never heard before. One fellow owned Lou's Coins in Palo Alto [California] in the turbulent 60's and 70's and was shot in the head by a member of the Tribal Thumb who later joined the SLA, Symbonese Liberation Army, and kidnapped Patty Hearst. While showing me the bullet wound in his head, he bent over and cut his head on my showcase! He also showed me old newspaper clippings about the incident. His story was upstaged later by another fellow who told me about his coin collection being blown up in a bank vault during an extortion attempt in Quebec, Ontario, Canada. I grimaced as he described in detail how he spent years looking for PL67 or better specimens, only to get a paper bag of mangled coins after the explosion". Believe It Or Not!

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB Writes that just-retired California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) President JOEL ANDERSON spoke at its March 16th meeting on 'Counterfeit Continental Currency'. Special thanks was expressed to those members who toiled for the February 28, 1999 Livermore Valley Coin Show: TOM SCHROEDER, JAMES LAIRD, DAVID EVANS, GORDON DONNELL, AL and JOAN ALVAREZ, TOM PRAST, CHUCK WHITE, HOWARD KOSANKE, and STEVE KRAMER, plus SHARON KRAMER "for counting all the drawing tickets after the Drawing, all one thousand four hundred thirty-nine (1439)!" Three LVCC members sold in-excess of one hundred (100) drawing tickets, and they are: JOAN ALVAREZ, GORDON DONNELL, and JOHN SARTI.

FREMONT COIN CLUB Since it lacks a Corresponding Secretary presently, the last DOUBLE EAGLE was February 1999, which summarized the planned events and dates for 1999, with the FCC members being informed via monthly postcards. Sad News from the FCC is that VIRGINIA HARRIS had passed away last January 8, 1999; she was a former Corresponding Secretary, while her husband, JERRY, served as President. Although out of the Club for some years, she had just recently rejoined and was attending the meeting regularly. Her service to the Club was remembered by many FCCers. Reminder: The Fremont Coin Club Annual Show is set for Sunday, August 22, 1999.

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB The SFCC earned \$314.20 in its Donation Auction held last December 1999, and this proved to be a badly needed influx to the SFCC's treasury. Recent SFCC meeting activities have been: MIKE STANLEY, slide-illustrated program 'Guess That Coin', January 26, 1999, VIC ROLLO, Error Coins, February 23, 1999, and DAVID EVANS, video 'The Medal Maker', March 23, 1999. Four SFCC members were honored with American Numismatic Association (ANA) President's Awards in 1999, bestowed by ANA President ANTHONY J. SWIATEK, and they were: EDGAR D. FULWIDER, JAN D. HENKE, CAROL SNEDAKER, and O.L. WALLIS.

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB Heard KEITH WANDRY'S 'When I Was A YN' at the February 12, 1999 meeting: "KEITH reminisced about the Club meetings in the 1970's, when he and brother, Cameron, were 'dragged along' to the meetings with their father. He guesses that coins were less expensive then, as most of the prizes in the drawings were BU silver dollars. 'Old-Timers' such FRANK NIELSEN, PHIL SOLOMON, BILL LEGG, RAY ERKSON, KATHERINE RAY, and RUDY GJUROVICH were mentioned, along with fond memories of the 'dessert table' at the rear of the meeting room. KEITH also mentioned the 'standard phases' of collecting that YN's inevitably go through--the first which ranks 'size' as the most important feature, followed by a 'shinest' period, then a 'thematic' period--as well as the normal increases/decreases in interest level as school, cars, friends, and finally family obligations take their toll on the hobby. KEITH certainly keeps all this personal knowledge in mind while co-chairing the Club's Youth Committee".

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Reports that BEN ITO had passed away: "BEN was a good man and a very devoted member to the FNS, always willing to do what he could to support the Club. He was a regular at nearly all the Sunday bingo meetings, and along with his wife, and together they drove all the way from Reedley to attend most Tuesday night meetings. He was one dedicated member....". The February 9, 1999 meeting for the FNS was 'Almost'. The President RANDY CLIFTON had forgotten to get the meeting room's key in-advance: "Frantically, we sought out a solution. Our Club Secretary, MR. DENNIS SOLIDAY, started making telephone calls to locate someone that could bring us a key. In the meantime, other arrangements were made to have an alternate meeting site at a nearby Perko's Coffee Shop. As half of the people headed over to Perko's, DENNIS SOLIDAY came walking around a corner of a building asking where everyone was going as he had reached someone and that person was only five minutes away with a key! Man, what a confusing sight it was! But, we finally got the key and had a meeting--started some thirty minutes late--though we did lose a number of people who decided to stay at Perko's".

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB Commends the work and effort given by RAY JOHNSON and LARRY BENSON, the Club's Bourse and Coin Show Chairs: "They worked hard and put in extra long hours before the Show just make sure everything was ready, and they also made sure everything ran smooth once the Show was under way. Special thank you to SALLY JOHNSON, who was there everyday helping out in way or another, and to ED FLEMOTE, our night security man. He was there all night, every night, watching over the Hall". WALLY WALLAKER, a longtime SJCC booster, resigned his position of the Club's Curator, as he has now relocated to Fairfield, California. The SJCC reported that retired former coin dealer and longtime member MARK REAVES passed away on February 14, 1999, at age 71, in his retirement home in Portland, Oregon. He has been once quite active in the SJCC and neighboring Cupertino Coin Club.

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Reports that its 1999 Officers are: GORDON R. DONNELL, President, DAVID EVANS, Vice-President, RICK WEBSTER, Treasurer, JOHN YEE, Secretary, with Governors MARK CLARK, RON JOHNSON, HERB MILES, and GEORGE PROCTOR. DAVID EVANS presented both the February and March PCNS programs: the video 'The Medal Maker' and a talk on 'Fractional Currency'. The big event for the August PCNS will be later this Summer its One Thousandth (1000th) Meeting, now set for July 24, 1999, with the prior Nine Hundred Ninety-Ninth (999th) Meeting on June 23, 1999. The Society is doing a commemorative medal--ordering deadline already passed with the mailing of this issue of NCNA HEADS AND TALES--and JERRY SCHIMMEL is doing a token. As this Issue goes to press, late April, not much else has been reported; so, interested NCNAers may contact this Society via its President GORDON DONNELL at '1960 San Antonio Road, Berkeley, California, 94707-1620'. Congratulations To The PCNS At This Monumental Anniversary!

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REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB Held an unique type of numismatic program at its February 10th Meeting, 'Favorite Reference Book Night': JACK FREE, Photograde, authographed by the author, KEN JORDAN, old catalogues, GARY COOMBER, American Medical Association Journal, with article about swallowing coins, STEVE TITMUS, Bowers and Merena Rare Coin Review, LARRY MOCHIZUKI, Cherrypickers Guide, CHARLIE CATLETT, Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of United States and Colonial Coins, and MERLE AVILA, two editions of California Tokens. MIKE STANLEY presented the slide-illustrated program 'Guess That Coin' at the March 10th meeting, with the Juniors present 'scoring' high marks in the 'IDs'. March 27, 1999 was the RECC Golden Jubilee Anniversary Dinner, held at Santa Rosa's Cattlemen's Saddle and Sirloin. Some eighty-nine members and guests were present. DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, Jr. served as the Master of Ceremonies (mc/c), with special guest TOM HALLENBECK, American Numismatic Association (ANA) Governor, representing ANA President ANTHONY J. SWIATEK. The Dinner was enjoyed, and food was great, with plenty! ANA President's Awards were bestowed by ANA Governor TOM HALLENBECK on JACK BEYMER, ROY and HELEN ROBERTS, and Your Editor, STAN TURRINI. The following ANA President's Award honorees were present at this Dinner: MIKE STANLEY, LEE H. GONG, DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, GORDON DONNELL, JAN D. HENKE, and STAN TURRINI, the latter with MIKE STANLEY having received the honor twice. Congratulations were received from ANA President ANTHONY J. SWIATEK, Your Editor, as his position as ANA Regional Coordinator, and the City Council of Santa Rosa, with a commemorative Proclamation.

GATEWAY COIN CLUB Its President LILA ANDERSON had an appeal in the February 1999 COINNECTIONS, the GCC's monthly newsletter, which is quite true for all other local coin clubs and their members: "Some members do more than their part to sell drawing tickets each year. For these members, I am preaching to the choir. But some members typically do nothing for the Club's Show Drawing (raffle). Think about this for a moment: the drawing tickets become available in February. That is a minimum of four months or thirteen weeks before the June 13th Coin Show. If you put aside eighty (80) cents a week for that number of weeks, you could buy ten drawing chances to help the Club plus the postage if needed to get your payment here on time. And who knows, you could be a winner, too! Last year, a member purchased a small group of tickets, rather than selling them to others, and won twice!". Nice Idea and How True!

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Sadly reports that MARIAN SINTON passed away last March 20, 1999: "She held most of the elected offices in the LNS over the years, serving long stints as Secretary and as Treasurer. She often stayed on to volunteer her services at the times when steady leadership was most needed. MARIAN was also active in the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) serving as a Director for that statewide organization. In addition to her love of world travel, MARIAN devoted her time to the theater as an actress on the local stage. She shared her loved of error coins and English hammered coinage through her animated lectures and show'n tell displays at the LNS meetings. Those unable to attend distant American Numismatic Association (ANA) Conventions can fondly recall her generous habit of bringing back quantities of the tokens, medals, wooden nickels, and other memorabilia found at these big shows to share with everyone". Recent LNS meetings have heard JIM ROSEN, 'Ancient Roman Coins', January 5, 1999, GORDON DONNELL, February 2, 1999, 'Collecting Panama-Pacific International Exposition (PPIE)', with a doubleheader at the March 2, 1999 meeting: MIKE STANLEY, slide-illustrated 'Guess That Coin' and DAVID EVANS, 'Fractional Currency'. It was reported that 'Guess That Coin' had some "twenty-six opportunities for the membership to identify a coin for which only a tiny portion was shown the screen. It became very obvious that only FRED DWYER studied for this examination! The rest of us will have to go back and hit the books!" LNS Treasurer GORDON DONNELL, in his capacity as an American Numismatic Association (ANA) District Delegate, honored longtime LNS member BRIAN KESTNER with his Twenty-Five ANA Membership Medal. The April 6, 1999 meeting heard CHUCK WHITE talk about 'Buying and Selling on E-Bay', at which CHUCK is an active participant, hours at a time!

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DELTA COIN CLUB Held its Annual Dinner last January 8, 1999 at Stockton's Eagle Hall, with Your Editor as the Master of Ceremonies (m/c). Some eighty members and guests attended this evening of food, awards, drawing, and bingo. A special American Numismatic Association (ANA) Certificate was presented to the Club's Founder NORM PRUITT, and KEVIN V. MALOY, current President, was bestowed the ANA President's Award, from ANA President ANTHONY J. SWIATEK, with Your Editor doing the honors. In reciprocation, the Delta Coin Club honored your Editor with a Life Membership, which was a complete surprise and shock! Among prior ANA President's Award honorees who are members of the Delta Coin Club, they are: STAN TURRINI, GORDON DONNELL, MIKE STANLEY, SYD KASS, and JAN HENKE. At this Dinner, Certificates of Award were presented to KEVIN MALOY, STAN TURRINI, MIKE STANLEY, DON KENDRICK, DEBBIE ENZMINGER, LORIS ENZMINGER, ALAN GILBEAU, BEE GRIMM, OTTO LINDSKOG, RUBEN SMITH III, ED CARMAN, SHARON CARMAN, and SYD KASS. Nice Dinner!

PENINSULA COIN CLUB Had six designs submitted for its 1999 Club Medal, and the winner was FRED G. van den HAAK with his clipper ship 'Flying Cloud'. The recent PCC meeting speakers have been MIKE STANLEY, January 11, 1999, 'Guess That Coin'--"The numismatic knowledge of all those present was well tested and there were a few occasions when everyone was 'stumped'."--and DAVID CONLON, February 8, 1999, 'Computer Design of Medals'. PCC reports that its has reserved the Palo Alto Elks Lodge for its November 14, 1999 Coin Show.

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Reports that its 1999 Officers are: STAN TURRINI, President, MIKE FIORE, Vice-President, MARK CLARKSON, Treasurer, and MIKE STANLEY, Secretary, plus Editor of its monthly DIABLO DIE BREAK, and also JAMES LAIRD, BOB BABB, and BOB STURN, Directors. Recent DNS activities have been STAN TURRINI, January 21, 1999, 'Insights and Ideas', MIKE STANLEY, February 18, 1999, slide-illustrated 'Guess That Coin', and March 18, 1999, the Society's Annual Anniversary Dinner at Concord's Maire Callendars. The Third (3rd) Annual Contra Costa Coin Show, sponsored by the Diablo Numismatic Society, will Sunday, November 28, 1999, at the Concord Veterans Memorial Building, downtown Concord. More Details On This Show In the Next NCNA HEADS AND TALES.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION *Attention To All ANA Club Representatives and District Delegates! Special Meeting!* On Saturday, July 31, 1999, DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR., along with Your Editor, will coordinate and facilitate a meeting of Club Representatives and District Delegates during the Nor-Cal Show, of our Association, NCNA. The time has been set a brunch get-together at 10:00am in the Concord Sheraton's cafe/restaurant; the Concord Sheraton being the Show's site. All Club Representatives and District Delegates within northern California are welcomed to attend, and this meeting should last about an hour or so. Inquiries as to this meeting may be directed to "POBox 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410" or telephoned to District Delegate GORDON DONNELL at '510-526-0538'. The courtesy of reservations would be appreciated.

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB Announced that its has scheduled two Open Meetings at northern California coin shows, for those interested in silver and silver rounds. These are, *first*, Sunday, June 27, 1999, at 1:00pm, during the Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show, Dan Foley Cultural Center, Tuolumne Street at End North Camino Alto, in Vallejo, and *second*, Saturday, July 31, 1999, at 12:00 pm (Noon), during the Nor-Cal Show of our Association, NCNA, Sheraton Concord Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive, off Concord Avenue, Concord. As one of the only two known groups dedicated to silver rounds, the SSRC often hears of those interested in this collecting pursuit, and with members across this nation, the SSRC welcomes inquiries from silver round collectors and silver enthusiasts. The Club's monthly newsletter, SILVER NOTES, provides regular posting of coin club silver round issues, and the Club meets monthly, on the Second Thursday, with 6:00pm no-host Dinner and 7:00pm meeting, at 'JJ North's Grand Buffet, Banquet Room, 1315 Gateway Blvd, Solano Mall, in Fairfield, California, except in June and December'. Those interested in learning more about this speciality club may write to: 'Solano Silver Round Club, Jan D. Henke, Secretary, PO Box 3518, Fairfield, California, 94533-0518'. Or, attend and enjoy one of the SSRC aforementioned two Open Meetings.

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FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB Elected its 1999 Officers, and they are: JOE SIROIS, President, BOB HUDSON, Vice-President, RUSSELL LEACH, Treasurer, and SANDY BEARDEN, Treasurer. The FCC began its 1999 meeting programs with February 24, 1999, MIKE STANLEY, slide-illustrated 'Guess That Coin', and March 24, 1999, had STAN TURRINI doing his 'Ideas and Insights', not the 'Pony Express: An American West Legend', as incorrectly reported and published. December 12, 1999 will be the date for the Club's Tenth (10th) Annual Fairfield Coin and Collectibles Show, at Fairfield's downtown Fairfield Community Center. The evening before the Fairfield Coin Club and neighboring Vallejo Numismatic Society will join and hold their legendary Annual Joint Christmas Party, at Fairfield's Anheuser-Busch Brewery, and this annual Party is the 'numismatic Holiday event in northern California', now enlarged.

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Will hold its Twenty-Seventh (27th) Annual Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show on Sunday, June 27, 1999, at Dan Foley Cultural Center, in Vallejo. Three coin hobby groups are scheduled to meet, two already mention earlier in the Branch Mint Reports: Western Wooden Money Club (WWMC) and Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC), and our own Association, the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA). Information about this year's Vallejo Coin Show, may be telephoned to either '510-526-0538' or '925-825-0649'. Recent VNS meetings have been: February 3, 1999, MIKE STANLEY, slide-illustrated 'Guess That Coin', March 3, 1999, a doubleheader Paper Money Night with SYD KASS and KEVIN MALOY--SYD KASS talked about the WEB '295' Error Note and KEVIN MALOY spoke on Military Payment Certificates (MPC)--and April 7, 1999, Other Hobbies Night. The participants at this April 7th meeting were: GERALD DOHERTY, Stamps, STAN TURRINI, Stamps, MIKE STANLEY, Ricky Henderson Collectibles, JACK FREE, Anything With 'Jack', JOSEF KLAUS, Old Numismatic Books, KEVIN KLAUS, Military Decorations, O.L. WALLIS, Shark Teeth, DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, Narcotic Stamps, CHUCK WHITE, Knives and Whips, STEWARD HUCKABY, Visiting Major League Baseball Parks, GORDON DONNELL, Elongates, BILL BARTZ, Token Holders, JAN HENKE, Iowa Stuff, BOB SATHER, Community Service, and HARRY DAVIS, Greyhound Safety Service Pins and Watches, all of which he earned with this three-plus decades driving for Greyhound

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION (CSNA) Our compatriot statewide organization publishes a quarterly journal CALCOIN NEWS, to which Your Editor is *its* Assistant Editor, doing the 'North of the Tehachapis' column, which is much like these aforementioned Branch Mint Reports. Because of this, duplication or repetition does, and has, happen, and this is simply inevitable. NCNA HEADS AND TALES is published three-times-a-year and CALCOIN NEWS is a quarterly, four-times-a-year. As an Editor, my primary intention is the 'names' and honors. Coin clubs please report, with specifics, those members who have earned or bestowed particular honors, awards and recognitions, so that this Editor might announce to a much larger numismatic audience. The same post office box applies to both NCNA HEADS AND TALES and my duties for CSNA's CALCOIN NEWS. Out-going CSNA President JOEL ANDERSON appointed our NCNA President MIKE STANLEY as the CSNA's NCNA Representative, correcting an oversight going back decades. The next two CSNA Conventions are: the 105th Convention and Golden State Coin Show, August 28 and 29, 1999, Arcadia Masonic Temple, 50 West Duarte, Arcadia, accessible from 210 Freeway at the Santa Anita off-ramp to Duarte, and the 106th Convention, February 19 and 20, 2000, Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 L Street Modesto. For information at to CSNA, write to: "ETHEL LENHART, Corresponding Secretary, PO Box 1746, Upland, California, 91785-1746".

—Special Note—

Your Editor has *not* received anything from these two local northern California Coin Clubs: Alameda Coin Club and Sacramento Valley Coin Club, both of which used to include NCNA HEADS AND TALES with a complimentary mailing of their respective periodical. In addition, periodicals--newsletters and bulletins--would be enjoyed from the Eureka Coin Club, the Santa Cruz Coin Club, and the North Valley (former Chico) Coin Club.

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These coin show listings are provided as a service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a show listed, please send all pertinent information to: Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306.

- June 13, 1999 MERCED. Gateway Coin Club 26th Anniversary Coin Show
Merced Senior Community Center, 15th and "O" Street,
Merced. Bourse: Joel Anderson, P.O. Box 3101, Merced, Ca.
95344. Phone: (209) 722-5426 Admission \$1
- June 27, 1999 VALLEJO. Vallejo Numismatic Society Annual Show, Dan
Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne St. & End
North Camino Alto, Vallejo. Bourse: Bill Bartz, P.O. Box
4281, Vallejo, Ca. 94590.
- July 17-8, 1999 MODESTO. Stanislaus County Coin Club 10th Coin Show,
Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 "L" Street, Modesto. Bourse:
Sandy Woodward, P.O. Box 355, Turlock, Ca. 95381
- July 30-Aug. 1
1999 CONCORD. NorCal Invitational Coin Show *("N.C.N.A.")
*[Formerly N.C.N.A. Jack Tar/Cathedral Hill Show].
Concord Sheraton Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive off Concord
Avenue and interstate 680, Concord. Bourse Info: Vince
Lacariere (510) 792-1511
- August 22, 1999 FREMONT. Fremont Coin Club Annual Show, Elk's Hall,
38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Bourse: Vince
LaCariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538.
- Sept. 19, 1999 ALAMEDA. Alameda Coin Club Coin Show, Alameda Elk's
Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda. Bourse: Don
Barsi, P.O. Box 7989, Fremont, Ca. 94537.
- Oct. 16-17, '99 STOCKTON. Delta Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Eagle's
Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Bourse: Ruben
Smith III, P.O. Box 5787, Stockton, Ca. 95202
- Oct. 23-4, 1999 FRESNO. Fresno Numismatic Society 33rd Annual Coin
Show, Las Palmas Masonic Hall, 2992 E. Clinton Avenue,
Fresno. Bourse: Ruth Phillips, 227 N. Duke Ave., Fresno,
Ca. 93727. (Admission \$1)
- Nov. 14, 1999 PALO ALTO. Peninsula Coin Club Annual Coins and
Collectibles Show, Elk's Lodge #1471, 4290 El Camino
Real, Palo Alto. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box
60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306.

Nov. 28, 1999 CONCORD. Diablo Numismatic Society Annual Contra Costa Coin Show, Concord Veterans Memorial Building, 2290 Willow Pass Road, Concord. Bourse: Mike Stanley Phone: (925) 825-0649

Dec. 12, 1999 FAIRFIELD. Fairfield Coin Club 10th Annual Coin Show. Fairfield Community Center, Assembly Room, 1100 Kentucky at Pennsylvania, Fairfield. Bourse/ Info: 707-427-0482 or 707-435-8751.

Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA)
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Saturday, July 31, 1999, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

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